

**Informal meetings on partnerships for sustainable development during PrepCom 3:
change of date**

Information notice on behalf of Vice-Chairs Jan Kara and Diane Quarless

During the Third Session of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development, taking place in New York from 25 March to 5 April, interested representatives from Governments, major groups and international organizations are invited to meet informally in order to exchange views on potential voluntary partnerships/initiatives (“second type outcomes” of WSSD, as described in the explanatory note by the Chairman, see: [Summit Partnerships: Chairman’s explanation](#)). Voluntary partnerships and initiatives to implement Agenda 21 are expected to become one of the major outputs of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, translating the multilaterally agreed outcomes into concrete action.

Upon the request of the Chairman, Vice-Chairs Diane Quarless and Jan Kara will facilitate these meetings, which will take place in Conference Room 5 of the Secretariat building, **starting at 3pm on Tuesday, 26 March 2002** (not, as announced earlier, on 25 March).

The meetings will aim to provide interested parties a forum to exchange views and to brief on partnerships/initiatives they are undertaking as well as to clarify questions with regard to the scope and modalities of potential partnerships. The meetings will also be an opportunity to present new ideas for more partnerships/initiatives and try to identify potential partners.

For further information, please contact
Monika Linn, WSSD Secretariat, tel. 917 367 2089, fax 212 963 4260, e-mail
linnm@un.org